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Audrey Asher

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FOIA REQUEST

Dear Ms. Asher:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*, I request copies of any emails written or received by members of the National Remedy Review Board regarding the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, Missouri. This request would include, but not be limited to, emails regarding what to do with the radioactive material buried in that landfill. The West Lake site was reviewed by the board and I believe that review began sometime in the past two to three years or so.

This information is being sought on behalf of *The Wall Street Journal* for dissemination to the general public.

As representatives of the news media, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Please waive any applicable duplication fees. Release of this information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to the public understanding of issues associated with the government's efforts to clean-up environmental contamination. If there are any charges above \$50, please let me know in advance so I can decide whether to approve them.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or electronic mail, rather than by postal mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request, which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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